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SUBJECT: SOWETO POLICE AND PARENTS TO TALK

1. SOWETO POLICE CHIEF, BRIGADIER JAN VISSER, HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH DELEGATION OF PARENTS TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF STUDENTS IN DETENTION.
2. PARENTS GROUP ALSO INTENDS TO SEEK ASSURANCES THAT POLICE WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH STUDENTS WHEN SCHOOLS REOPEN IN JANUARY.
3. BRIGADIER VISSER'S RELATIVELY COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE MAY BE HELPFUL START AT RESTORING SOWETO'S BATTERED NERVES. MANY, ESPECIALLY STUDENTS, REMAIN VERY LEERY, HOWEVER, OF ANY INITIATIVES OF POLICE, WHOM THEY HOLD RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUING ROUGH TREATMENT IN SEARCHES AND INTERROGATIONS, NOT TO MENTION ARRESTS. EVEN FOR BROAD-GAUGE OFFICER LIKE VISSER, CALMING SOWETO CANNOT BE COMPARABLE TO SHARPEVILLE AFTERMATH, SINCE GRIEVANCE NOW ARE FELT TOO DEEPLY BY TOO MANY AND REQUIRE ACTION BY CIVIL AUTHORITIES MUCH HIGHER UP LADDER.
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